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1            16. (Amended) The method defined in claim 5, wherein the sole or  
2            predominant iron-containing phase in the alloy article is  $\beta$  phase.

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1            17. (Amended) The method defined in claim 5, wherein the step of  
2            solidifying the casting produces iron-containing phases that include a substantial  
3            proportion of  $\pi$  phase and the subsequent solution heat treatment step is effective to  
4            convert a majority of the  $\pi$  phase to  $\beta$  phase to give a microstructure in the alloy  
5            article that includes iron-containing phases which are predominantly  $\beta$  phase.

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